

**DECLARATION/
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PATENT APPLICATION**

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☐ Supplemental Declaration (37 CFR 1.67)

I hereby declare that:
Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.
I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

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(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto
OR

☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) **12/11/2003** as United States Application **PCT/JP2003/015924** and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) **03/08/2004** (if applicable). *PCT # 9003/15924*

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?	
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